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Handbook "Communist Perspective"

1. We are forwarding to you herewith one copy of subject handbook which we just received from HQ. This publication is unclassified and you may temporarily lend it to an agent - provided you feel that possession of this book, in Russian and in English, might not unduly compromise the agent in question. In the latter case, keep the book at your station and furnish merely suitable excerpts from time to time to an agent who might be able to make good use of a particular item.

2. Considering the preoccupation of ESSENCE with urgent operations, especially with preparing the tactical employment of his group, you might perhaps wish to turn this handbook over to another suitable contact of yours (possibly SOFFIT?) who might prepare texts on the basis of this handbook - which you could then turn over to ESSENCE or other outlets for actual publication and distribution.

3. We do not believe that there is time or opportunity for a broad program of refuting communist doctrine. We suggest that the attached handbook be used primarily to find documentary evidence to support your current propaganda attacks against the PST and the Arbenz regime; such evidence should be tied in with a specific, live issue of acute interest to the Guat audience and not be presented in a purely dogmatic, academic manner (unless you want to address an audience of intellectuals, or the like).

4. Here are a few practical examples of how the handbook might be utilized for day-by-day journalistic and propagandistic purposes:

a. Guat communists as well as official Guat government propaganda refers frequently to "colonialism" as one of the main targets of their fight. If you turn to Stalin's definition of colonialism on pp. 58/59 of the handbook, you'll find

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that it describes (in 1921!) fairly accurately of what the USSR has been since 1939: "... the seizure of new territories by the old national states and the conversion of the latter into multi-national (colonial) states";

b. If Gnat communists attack the Catholic church - as they have done in connection with the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter - you may use the official communist statements on religion, quoted on pp. 314 through 319 of the handbook, to prove that the PCP's attacks on the Church are part of a world-wide basic element of communism;

c. On pp. 516 pp. of the handbook, you will find the communist doctrines about personnel and organization of the Armed Forces, which might open the eyes of Gnat Army Officers as to what to expect under a communist regime;

These examples can be continued almost indefinitely. Studying the table of contents of the handbook will give you already an idea of the many possibilities contained therein.

5. Apart from the factual impact of such properly chosen and used quotations, we may expect that the mere fact that the anti-communist opposition hereby proves its familiarity with the original, basic documents of international communism should have discouraging and confusing results among communists and fellow-travelers.

5. Please include information as to the actual usefulness of this handbook in your weekly reports on KUGOMH operations, as and when such information becomes available.

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